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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004 FTIP Amendment No. 20 – Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment No. 20 to the BCAG 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated June 7, 2006. BCAG adopted Amendment No. 20 with Resolution No. 2005/06-017 on May 25, 2006. With that action, the BCAG Board of Directors approved the program modifications and reaffirmed the conformity of the BCAG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

The BCAG FTIP Amendment No. 20 programmed one new Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project to purchase replacement buses in 2006/07, deleted an existing intersection signalization project which had been funded through the CMAQ in 2006/07, and added a lump sum of State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) bridge preservation projects for construction in the 2009/10 fiscal year.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the 2005-2007 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the BCAG region in accordance with the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations codified in 23 CFR Part 450. We find that BCAG's 2004 FTIP, through Amendment No. 20, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. Chapter 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. This approval is provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.



We have determined that this program modification is exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements pursuant to the transportation conformity provisions found in 40 CFR Part 93 Sections 126 and 127. This finding has been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the BCAG's FTIP Amendment No. 20 into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 FSTIP.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this BCAG FSTIP amendment, please contact Steven Luxenberg (steve.luxenberg@fhwa.dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5066.

Sincerely,

/s/ K. Sue Kiser

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